



**CITY OF SCOTTSDALE  
HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
Thursday, February 21, 2019  
Paiute Neighborhood Center  
6535 E. Osborn Rd., Bldg. 9  
Scottsdale, AZ 85251**

**PRESENT:** Chair Janice Eng, Vice Chair Denny Brown, Commissioners Jayne Hubbard, Edmund Portnoy (arrived at 4:22 p.m.), and Andrew Song

**ABSENT:** Commissioners Ashley Blaine and James Campbell

**STAFF:** Bill Murphy, Community Services Director, Greg Bestgen, Human Services Director, Eugenio Munoz-Villafane, Manager and Deanna Zuppan, Adaptive Services Supervisor

**Call to Order**

Chair Eng called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m.

**Roll Call**

Members present as listed above.

**Public Comment**

There were no members of the public who wished to speak.

**Minutes**

Work Study Session – January 24, 2018

VICE-CHAIR BROWN MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 24, 2019 HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION WORK STUDY SESSION. COMMISSIONER SONG SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FOUR (4) TO ZERO (0). CHAIR ENG, VICE-CHAIR BROWN, COMMISSIONERS HUBBARD AND SONG VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES. COMMISSIONER PORTNOY WAS NOT YET PRESENT.

Special Meeting – February 5, 2019

VICE-CHAIR BROWN MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 5, 2019 HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING. COMMISSIONER SONG SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FOUR (4) TO ZERO (0). CHAIR ENG, VICE-CHAIR BROWN, COMMISSIONERS HUBBARD AND SONG VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES. COMMISSIONER PORTNOY WAS NOT YET PRESENT.

Special Meeting – February 7, 2019

COMMISSIONER HUBBARD MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 7, 2019 HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING. VICE-CHAIR BROWN SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FOUR (4) TO ZERO (0). CHAIR ENG, VICE-CHAIR BROWN, COMMISSIONERS HUBBARD AND SONG VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES. COMMISSIONER PORTNOY WAS NOT YET PRESENT.

**REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

**1. CIP / Budget Update**

Bill Murphy, Community Services Director, provided an update on the Fiscal Year 2019/20 budget, which includes Capital Improvement Projects. His presentation included a review of the budget process and the purpose of the Council appointed Capital Improvement Plan Subcommittee. The submittal that will move forward to City Council for the Capital Improvement Program for all City departments is approximately \$34.8 million. The list was prioritized and projects were identified. The remaining items are unfunded and why the City Manager and City Council are considering a bond election for November 2019.

Mr. Murphy discussed details of each item included on the Capital Improvement Program list, focusing on Community Services and Human Services projects. Commissioners were encouraged to provide feedback on proposed items and to attend public meetings. He stressed the importance of Commissioners becoming familiar with the list of projects so that they are able to discuss items with citizens as opportunities arise. Once an election is called City employees can no longer do public outreach to promote projects.

Human Services' list of priorities includes:

- Expand Granite Reef Senior Center to meet demand for adult day care center
- Expand Via Linda Senior Center to meet demand for senior services
- Replace aging buildings that compromise Paiute Community Center

Commissioners were given an opportunity to ask questions throughout the presentation. Director Greg Bestgen explained that Ashler Hills is located approximately a mile south of Carefree. The parks and recreation project to build a neighborhood park at Ashler Hills would include the opportunity for human services, library services, and leisure education classes. Mr. Murphy noted that the Ashler Hills community is willing to contribute funds towards building a community center. The Mechanical Society has contributed towards the proposed projects at McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park.

Mr. Murphy explained that the City Manager's hope is to have one bond question, although the CIP Subcommittee has discussed dividing projects into three bond questions. Representatives from the City finance department will be available at public meetings to discuss how a bond election would affect property taxes. The assumption is that property taxes would stay at the current rate with a new bond issuance.

## **2. Director's Report**

Greg Bestgen, Human Services Director, said that the Library Director has asked that the Human Services Commissioners take the library's outreach survey. Vice-Chair Brown suggested that the City reach out to SUSD about the possibility of forming a program for students to obtain a library card through school. Director Bestgen said that in addition to encouraging students to get library cards, mini libraries are being put throughout the community in hopes of increasing children's interest in reading.

Director Bestgen announced that Scottsdale Community Partners president, Holley Snopko, resigned her position. She extended best wishes to the Human Services Commission.

Director Bestgen announced that during the most recent City Council meeting, Vice-Chair Brown was reappointed for his second term as Human Services Commissioner.

A reading path will be installed at Paiute Neighborhood Center using bricks made by Brick-by-Brick. Children who are in programs on campus will participate by painting the bricks and Parks and Recreation staff will lay them.

Director Bestgen announced that Joanne Meierdirks has retired. Tuesday was her last day.

The 2019 Point in Time Count has been completed and the City is waiting for the final Scottsdale numbers, which are expected to be up by approximately 20 from last year's count of 67 people.

Director Bestgen noted that Eugenio Munoz-Villafane attended a MAG Continuum Care meeting. Jennifer Murphy from the Senior Center will be attending the MAG Age Friendly meetings.

## **3. Adjournment**

VICE-CHAIR BROWN MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. COMMISSIONER SONG SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FIVE (5) TO ZERO (0). CHAIR ENG, VICE-CHAIR BROWN, COMMISSIONERS HUBBARD, PORTNOY, AND SONG VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

With no further business to discuss, being duly moved and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 5:03 p.m.

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